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National Policy for Women, 2016
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently drafted the National Policy for Women, 2016 and released it for stakeholders' comments and consultations;
(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
(c) whether the policy is likely to address concerns such as taboos that surround single woman including social ostracization and institutional indifference and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the present status of the policy along with the time by which the same is likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) to (d) Yes Madam. The Draft Policy emphasises on mindset change through advocacy campaigns, multi-sectoral actions, awareness raising and community mobilization on the ground through programmes and schemes. Targeted multi-media campaigns is one of the key operational strategies for the policy implementation. Gender Sensitisation and non-discrimination in the portrayal of women has been envisaged to ensure that women are not represented in a demeaning or stereotypical manner. Similarly, Social empowerment mechanisms have also been envisaged designed to create an enabling environment, which addresses their vulnerabilities, creates opportunities and improves their overall condition. A Draft Policy has been prepared after considering suggestion/comments received from stakeholders etc.
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